

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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An indiscreet man is an unsealed letter; everyone can read it.—Chamfort.

## TAFT'S TRUST RECORD

President Taft's administration has broken all records in the matter of "trust-busting" in spite of the voluble assertions of Col. Roosevelt and his press-agents.

Under President Taft more suits have been instituted against trusts than the total amount of such suits during the four previous administrations.

The Taft administration has brought sixty-six legal actions under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law in three years and a half. This is four more prosecutions than were brought under the same law by the combined administrations of Presidents Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt. A document issued by Congress giving information as to the Sherman law gives these facts.

The prosecutions brought by direction of President Taft include twenty-seven bills in equity asking the dissolution of trusts and combinations in restraint of trade or seeking injunctions for alleged violations of the law to the same end, and thirty-nine indictments. This is nine more bills in equity than were brought under President Roosevelt and only two less than the sum total of all such actions brought since the passage of the Sherman anti-trust law under the Harrison administration. It is fourteen more indictments than was brought by Mr. Roosevelt in the seven years and a half he was in the white house and nine more than was brought by the four presidents combined who immediately preceded President Taft. Mr. Taft has been in the white house less than half as long as Mr. Roosevelt occupied it in an official capacity, so that the mathematical calculation shows that the prosecutions brought under the Sherman law by President Taft actually exceed those brought under President Roosevelt not as three is two, but as three is to one.

By a peculiar coincidence the suit brought under the Taft administration which broke the Roosevelt record of actions under this law was the petition in equity filed in October last against the United States steel corporation. The suit which broke the record for the Taft administration as against the grand total of cases, instituted under the Sherman law prior to Mr. Taft's administration was the petition in equity filed in April last against the International Harvester company. Both of these suits Mr. Roosevelt was asked to bring and did not bring. They are regarded as the two actions brought by President Taft which most nearly correspond to the Standard Oil and Tobacco trust suits brought by President Roosevelt.

The following is a summary of cases under anti-trust laws which have been brought under various administrations:

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S ADMINISTRATION.	
Bills in equity	4
Indictments	3
Total	7
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S ADMINISTRATION.	
Bills in equity	4
Indictments	2
Informations for contempt	2
Total	8
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S ADMINISTRATION.	
Bills in equity	3
Total	3
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ADMINISTRATION.	
Bills in equity	18
Indictments	25
Forfeiture proceeding	1
Total	44
Grand total of cases instituted prior to President Taft's administration	62
PRESIDENT TAFT'S ADMINISTRATION UP TO JULY 1, 1912.	
Bills in equity	27
Indictments	39
Total	66

## SUFFRAGE IN OHIO

The defeat of women's suffrage in Ohio, when the issue was put to the people of the state in the form of an amendment to the state constitution and voted on a week ago today, furnishes a striking commentary on the manner in which the old-line politicians regard the woman in politics. Apparently this regard is mostly fear.

The women made a hard fight in all the big cities, but the opposition from within their own

rank, the almost solid alignment of the saloon vote against them and the large foreign population of the cities downed them. In the rural districts the women won a partial victory.

The initiative and referendum seems to have been the most popular, it carrying in many districts where it was thought it would be beaten.

## PRODUCTIVE HAWAII

Hawaii's favorable balance of trade with the mainland is strikingly emphasized in the latest monthly summary of commerce and finance issued by the department of commerce and labor. Not only is Hawaii's trade in general shown in the most healthy condition, but there is a large and steadily growing balance on the right side of the financial ledger.

Domestic merchandise shipped from the United States to Hawaii for the twelve months ending with June, 1912, amounted in value to \$24,418,671, as against \$21,677,213 for the twelve months ending with June, 1911, showing an approximate increase of three millions in the value of Hawaii's purchases from mainland markets. The increase is distributed over scores of commodities, meat and dairy products, breadstuffs, liquors, paper, wood and building materials showing steady advances, while in scattered cases the trade has fallen off.

On Hawaii's credit side, the shipments of domestic merchandise for twelve months ending with last June show a jump in twelve months from \$41,180,195 to \$55,055,816. In other words, during the year, Hawaii sold to the mainland thirty millions of dollars' worth of goods more than Hawaii bought from the mainland, and while the purchases increased only three millions in a year the sales made by this territory jumped almost fourteen millions. Prominent in the increase of sales is sugar, of course, the high price of which made possible the rise from \$36,704,656 to \$49,961,509, a figure more than proportionate to the quantities shipped in 1910-11 and 1911-12. Fruits and nuts increased over half a million dollars' worth, the pineapple trade helping in this. Part of the general increase includes articles returned to the United States, but this is only a small factor in the whole, Hawaii's own individual exports to the mainland increasing in value during the year from \$40,312,437 to \$53,989,223.

Such figures cannot but give satisfaction to the thoughtful observer of industrial conditions here. Economists, of course, point out that a trade balance is somewhat fictitious and that simply because a country sells more than it buys is not an infallible sign of prosperity, but it is much more comfortable to consider an active and growing mainland market than an excess of money going out over money coming in.

Years of discussion of a parcels post system have finally ended in the passage of a bill establishing such a system, and Postmaster-General Hitchcock announces that it will be ready for operation on January 1, 1913. More than 1,000,000 miles of rural delivery and star routes will be covered. Hawaii is in the 1800-mile-and-over zone, and whether or not this territory will at once be included is doubtful.

Whether the coming Republican convention does or does not adopt the "open ballot", the open ballot is the right system, and the system that in the end will bring more independence from "higher-up" control to convention delegates than all the years of secrecy have done.

Honolulu's businessmen should go in force to Hilo for the first inter-island civic and commercial conference. The conference marks the inception of a new spirit of cooperation among the public interests of the territory.

Secretary Stimson has taken to the woods of California, Secretary Fisher is in Hawaii, Secretary Knox in Japan.

It appears from testimony before Secretary Fisher that stock-watering is not necessarily confined to irrigated plantations.

Too bad they can't call some labor-snatchers from California in the present hearing.

Maine is furnishing the usual amount of "key-noting" in national politics.

Uncle Sam has administered another spanking in Central America.

Now if Maine will only stay Republican next November.

## DANCE HALL ORDINANCE IS DISCUSSED BEFORE SUPERVISORS

Amendments Suggested and Agreed To; Bethel Street Sidewalks Are Ordered and Bids Received for Printing Municipal Record—Repairs for Road Rollers Authorized

U. S. Judge Sanford B. Dole collaborated with Deputy County Attorney Milverton in drafting the dance-house ordinance now pending in the Board of Supervisors. He stated this fact near the close of the public hearing before the board last night, at the same time paying a tribute to Mr. Milverton's earnestness in the matter.

Along with Judge Dole were present at the hearing Mrs. Dole, president of the humane society; Miss Blascoer, the sociologist; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McChesney, Mrs. May Wilcox of the Board of Education, Mrs. Eben P. Low, A. F. Cooke, Representative A. Q. Marcellino and E. P. Irwin, besides a number of citizens in attendance for other purposes. On motion of Mr. Clellan, the official consideration of the bill was deferred till next meeting, so as to give free course to the public discussion.

Various amendments were agreed to. The greatest difficulty was found in the section forbidding the sale of liquor in any dance-hall "premises." This it was recognized might complicate the enforcement of the ordinance by interfering with the licensed privileges of the first-class hotels, these being regulated by Territorial laws, in such cases as general invitation dances on the occasion of visits of army transports and navy vessels.

**Proposes Amendment.** Mr. Marcellino proposed an amendment to cover this point, which is under submission to the attorney's department and the board along with other suggestions.

Mr. Irwin thought the whole general idea had been run away from. "Let the ordinance be simplified," he said, "and applied to the one thing that you want to regulate."

Mrs. Dole, referring to the provision for a committee of inspectors, thought it would be a good thing if its members could be appointed from the humane society, and Mr. Milverton said this might be done without specifying it in the ordinance. In answer to Miss Blascoer, the attorney said any citizen could complain of a breach of the ordinance, and call in a policeman or swear to a warrant. Miss Blascoer commented that she had been in parts of the city where no policeman was ever in sight.

On the matter of fees there was much talk. Miss Blascoer said that in Kansas City a small fee was charged for dances, the object being to keep track of the events. Later she asked if an annual fee of \$100, provided the receipts were devoted to payment of inspectors, would vitiate the

ordinance on the ground of its being a revenue measure which the board is not empowered to enact. Mr. Milverton replied that fees applied in that manner, for enforcement of the ordinance, would not be construed as revenue within the meaning of the law.

Henry Kane, a dancing master from Kakaako, caused a diversion early in the hearing by presenting objections to the bill, but he left before the provisions to which he referred were reached.

The bill will be considered by the board on second reading, with the amendments suggested at the hearing, on Friday evening.

**Sidewalks Ordered.** The board of supervisors passed on third reading the ordinance requiring the proprietors on Bethel street to construct sidewalks, and they will receive final notice forthwith which if ignored will result in the work being done by the board at their expense. Mr. Low pressed an amendment to include Queen street, where paving is now being done, until his colleagues convinced him that Queen street had absolutely nothing to do with this ordinance, every street dealt with under the general sidewalk law requiring a separate ordinance to give it sidewalks.

The bills appropriating \$2000 for repairs to road rollers and a like amount for road oiling passed second reading.

Bids for printing the Municipal Record were received as follows:

Crossroads of the Pacific—Will publish it in its columns at 25c an inch, and furnish the board with fifty copies on separate sheets.

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E. P. Irwin asked why the lights in Kaimuki were not burning for several nights past, and was informed by Superintendent Frazee that the light wires had been crossed by other wires and burned out, but were now being repaired and everything would soon be all right and bright.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

**FRED TERRILL**—On the Waialae road several valuable dogs belonging to citizens of that part of town have been killed by automobiles. Disregarding all speed regulations, drivers run their machines along the road recklessly and murderously. We are going to organize a vigilance committee and make it an open season for all sixty-mile automobiles.

## PERSONALITIES

**MRS. C. P. MORSE** and children returned from a visit to the mainland as passengers in the Matson Navigation steamer Honolulu.

**MRS. S. S. FAXSON** was among the returning passengers from the Coast this morning in the Matson Navigation steamer Honolulu.

**JUDGE W. S. WISE**, the Hilo jurist, is back from a business and pleasure trip to the Coast, returning this morning in the Honolulu.

**MR. AND MRS. H. B. PENHALLOW**, of Maui, were numbered among the passengers who arrived from the Coast this morning in the Honolulu.

**REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN Watkins** is back from a visit to the mainland. He returned this morning as passenger in the Matson Navigation liner Honolulu.

**MR. AND MRS. NOEL DEERR** arrived on the Makura this morning and are stopping at the Colonial until their bungalow is completed. Mr. Deerr is a scientist at the planters' experiment station.

**JOHN GUILD** of Alexander & Baldwin, Ltd., left this morning for the Wilhelmina on a three weeks' vacation, making the round trip to the coast to bring back his daughter Dorothy, who has been spending some months in California.

## WINS BRIDE

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York to meet me, the start and then a cablegram and a wireless or two, and finally the wedding this morning. "We leave tomorrow afternoon on the Twentieth Century for San Francisco" and go directly back to the islands."

Some of the vests are beautifully embroidered in oriental colors.

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